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Photographs Depict Combat in Iraq

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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The works of two-time Military Photographer of the Year Stacy Pearsall are on display at Gardner-Webb University through March 24 in Tucker Gallery inside Tucker Student Center on the main campus.

photo of Stacy Pearsall

Pearsall is a decorated veteran who served in the Air Force as a combat photographer. She holds an honorary doctorate from The Citadel, where she has been on the advisory board of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences since 2009.

The display is titled, “Shooter: Combat from behind the Camera.” It features photographs of combat in Iraq, illustrating a portrait of war. The photos show what life is like during war, both in the middle of the action and at rest.

Before the exhibit opened, Gardner-Webb hosted Pearsall’s Veterans Portrait Project (VPP) as part of the Distinguished Artist Series. Through this project, veterans had their portraits taken free of charge at GWU’s Charlotte campus and the Boiling Springs

photo of an Iraqi soldier

This photo of a soldier from the Iraqi army is one that is featured in the exhibit. (Baqubah, Iraq, Mar. 30, 2007).

campus. Pearsall provided each veteran with a high-resolution digital image or an actual print. Pearsall started the Veterans Portrait Project while recovering from wounds she sustained in active duty. Since 2008, she’s traveled to 65 cities in 27 states and captured over 6,000 veterans’ portraits.

In recent years, Gardner-Webb has been consistently recognized as a Military-Friendly institution and was named North Carolina’s first Purple Heart University. These accolades – in conjunction with the Veterans Portrait Project event – further affirm Gardner-Webb’s commitment to honoring and serving U.S. troops, veterans, and their families.

To learn more about Stacy Pearsall and her work, visit StacyPearsall.com.

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